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THOSE who receive a copy of this hook have either sent an order the past season for my Flower Seeds, or their names have been sent me by some friend who said they were interested in **beautiful flowers**. If you wish copies sent to friends who have never planted my seeds, I will do so with pleasure, on receipt of their address, **FREE** of charge.

**QUANTITY OF SEED IN A PACKET.** Customers will please note my **NEW DEPARTURE** in stating the number of seeds in a packet, a rule not practiced by any other seed house; which will enable those wishing to plant borders and beds of a certain length or size to calculate the number of packages required — **FULL COUNT GUARANTEED. NO LESS QUANTITY THAN A PACKET CAN BE SOLD.** This innovation of stating the number of seeds in a packet, I introduced last season; and from the number of commending letters received from patrons, it appears to fill a long felt want.

**HOW TO REMIT MONEY.** Always send money by one of the following methods: **Post Office Order, Express Money Order, Registered Letter or Bank Draft**, and if the order is lost or stolen, your money is safe — **I especially request my customers to remit money in this way**, and I will allow you to select seeds to the cost of the Money Order, Registered Letter or Draft. Do not send Postage Stamps, unless you have no other way of remitting amount; and when you do — **Register them**. If money is sent in any other way than specified above, it is at the risk of the sender.

**POSTPAID.** All seeds sent postpaid and safe arrival **guaranteed**; all orders received to the amount of \$1.50 and upwards, will be forwarded by Registered Mail to purchaser's address.

**SPECIAL PREMIUM.** On all orders amounting to 25 cents or upwards (no matter what is ordered), I will add a liberal quantity of **TRIAL PACKETS** of new and valuable varieties **FREE** of charge, having made special arrangements with celebrated growers in Europe the past season for this purpose, and you can depend upon getting something beautiful and of value.

**Be sure and write your full address, and write it plainly.**

**I receive**, as does every other firm doing a large mail business, a great many letters that are deficient in the address of the writer. Some are unsigned, in some no post office is given; and in others both name and post office are omitted. The best I can do with such a letter is to file it away and wait for a complaint from the sender, and often the same mistake or omission is repeated in the letter of complaint. I have many letters of this description and would be glad to fill the orders if I knew the addresses of the senders.

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319 & 323 Sixth St. South, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

# The Love of Flowers

is steadily increasing among the people, and the cultivation of them, which is a thing very different from the sentiment of admiration, has become so common that it is considered as an evidence of bad taste for one having any ground NOT to have flowers about the dwelling house, as they are one of the attractions of a refined and beautiful home, and brighten and adorn the most humble.

ROBERTS says: What a dreary, desolate place would be a world without a flower. It would be a face without a smile--a feast without a welcome. They are pretty lessons in nature's book of instructions, teaching us that we liveth not by bread or from bread alone; but that we have another than an animal life.

PAXTON says: Flowers are of all embellishments the most beautiful.

BEECHER says: Flowers bring what money often fails to bring--refinement and pleasure.

MATHEWS says: Let us have all the flowers we can possibly afford; they are the veritable smiles of nature.

Yours for beautiful flowers,

JANUARY, 1896.

MISS C. H. LIPPINCOTT.





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Order department in main store; left hand view of double order cases, 48 feet in length.



Order department in main store; right hand view of double order cases, 48 feet in length.



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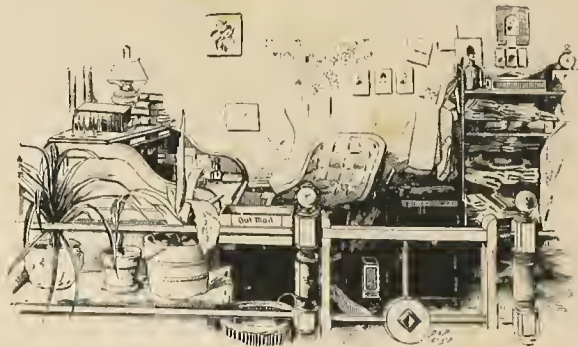


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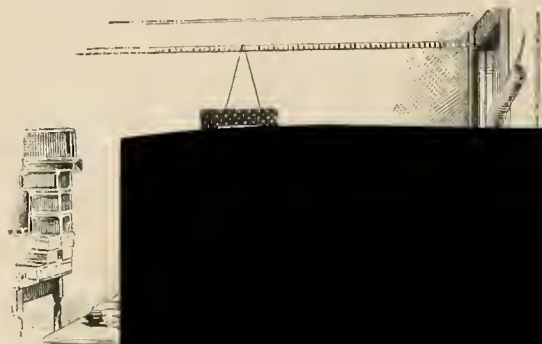
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Abutilon.

### ABUTILON, (FLOWERING MAPLE.)

A very popular perennial shrub with bell-shaped, drooping flowers; well adapted to house culture, easily raised from seed, and if sown before April, under glass, plants will bloom the first season. For winter flowering, plant in September. Finest mixed. Pkt., 20 seeds, 8 cents.



ABRUS,  
OR CRAB'S-EYE  
VINE.



Acroclinium.

### ACROCLINIUM, (EVERLASTING.)

One of the most beautiful and valuable of the everlasting flowers, called by some "Pink Daisies," very effective in borders during the blooming season, and possesses the additional advantage of being available for winter decoration, for which purpose it is now extensively grown. The densely double flowers are faultless both in shape and color; the flowers are somewhat larger than the single, and, from the seed I offer, about 75 per cent. will be double. On first unfolding the flowers show a charming rosy hue, fading into a delicate pink at a later stage. The usefulness of a double form of so popular and useful an everlasting as the Acroclinium undoubtedly is, needs no comment. Pkt. 50 seeds, 4 cents.

J. H. Ladd, Lock Levin, Canada, January 30, 1895, writes: Seeds received from you last year in every way gave satisfaction, and grown along side of some from the best Canadian and American seedsmen, impressed me very favorably with their vitality and truthfulness of variety.

Mrs. L. H. Fowler, Kirkwood, Del., April 29, 1895, writes: The seeds purchased from you last year were very satisfactory.





**Ageratum.**  
**AGERATUM.**

A plant that blossoms constantly all summer in the garden and makes a pleasing contrast of color with more brilliant varieties. I offer seed of the new **Imperial Dark Blue** as best and most showy. Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cents.

**ACACIA, FARNESIANA.**

One of the most beautiful plants in cultivation, having delicate, fern-like foliage and charming yellow, tassel-like flowers of the most delicious fragrance. It is one of the most easily cultivated of greenhouse plants, and sufficiently hardy to withstand the winter in a temperature very little higher than freezing point. Seeds should be sown in sandy peat, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch deep, in a temperature of 55 deg. to 60 deg. suits them well. Pot off when large enough to handle, and place in a cool, close pit or house until quite established. Pkt., 10 seeds, 6 cts.

Mrs. Ellen Warner, Hamlet, N. Y., Mch., 24, '95, writes:—I have been your customer for three seasons and have found you to be punctual and your seeds proved in every respect satisfactory.

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### ANTIRRHINUM, TOM THUMB, (Snapdragon.)

If those members of the flower-loving fraternity who have faltered with houseplants would try the cultivation of some of our hardy out-door flowers as potplants, such as Antirrhinum, they would have little reason to complain of non-success. Many of the so-called annuals will keep up a succession of bloom for one, two and even three seasons with proper care to keep them from ripening seed, and under this treatment will bloom much more profusely, and produce much finer blossoms than if grown in the open air in the usual way. Being hardy, they can better endure occasional neglect and the dry atmosphere of the house than can more tender plants, and are not so liable to be injured by insects. Tom Thumb is the best of all the Antirrhinums, very dwarf, growing only 8 inches high, thickly studded with beautiful spikes of gay colored flowers, orange, scarlet, rose-white, maroon, striped, etc. Pkt., 250 seeds, 4 cents.





### AMARANTHUS, GIBOSUS.

A very handsome annual, ornamental foliage plant with long drooping panicles of purplish-red flowers, frequently  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length. But few flowers will attract more attention, being useful in many situations as the back-ground of a flower border, ornamental hedge, or a bed on the lawn. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

### AMARANTHUS SPLENDENS, (RAINBOW PLANT.)

The plants grow from two to three feet high, and in the fall the leaves turn to the most brilliant colors, presenting a display that few plants can equal. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cents.

Miss Emma Sieling, Elkhorn, Ills., Jan. 31, 1895, writes:—I was very well pleased with the seeds bought of you last year, especially the Petunias and Phlox—they were worth the money alone.

Mrs. A. O. Scott, Durbin, N. Dak., April 13, 1895, writes:—This is the third year I have sent to you for seeds, and I am very much pleased with the seeds and prices and recommend them whenever I have a chance.

Mrs. Dave Zigler, Plymouth, Ohio, April 16, 1895, writes: The seeds I received from you last year gave good satisfaction. The Cinerarias were beautiful and the question was asked almost daily—where did you get the seed? I responded by showing them your neat and handsome little Catalogue.

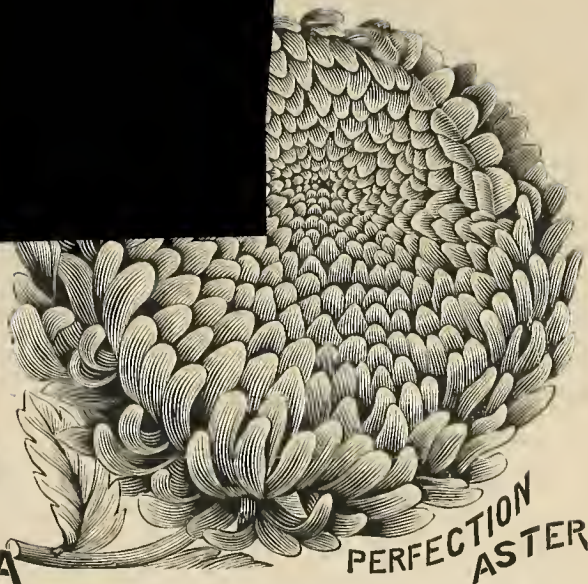


*Arabis Alpina.*

### ARABIS ALPINA.

The pure white flowers grow so uniform and thickly that it gives the effect of a sheet of snow. Plants perfectly hardy. The earliest, prettiest spring flower. The spreading tufts are densely clothed with neat, lively green leaves and covered with pure white flowers of the most lovely effect, conspicuous in great distance, especially in large masses on rockeries or broad edgings for park-roads, having the advantage of braving the greatest drought during summer, and always looking neat. Pkt., 150 seeds, 6 cents.





Magnificent flowers, massive and showy, with regular overlapping petals clear to the center. The flowers measure four inches and over across, and are of rich and varied colors. The plants grow very evenly, pyramidal in form, about 18 inches high and carry from twenty-five to forty flowers. Over twenty colors; mixed. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.

**VICTORIA**—snow white. Pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cts.

**VICTORIA**—bright pink. Pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cts.

**VICTORIA**—dark crimson. Pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cts.

**VICTORIA**—purple. Pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cts.

**ASTER**.—Finest mixed of all the best varieties. Pkt., 75 seeds, 8 cts.

Mrs. H. M. Kutch, Port Clinton, Pa., Apr. 8, '95, writes:—I have lovely Primroses in bloom from seed I bought of you last year.

One of the most perfect and deservedly one of the most popular of all asters; very double, large and beautiful flowers, with incurved petals; height, 18 inches to 2 feet; nearly thirty distinct colors mixed. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.

**PERFECTION**—snow white. Pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cts.

**PERFECTION**—pink hall. Pkt., 40 seeds, 7 cts.

**PERFECTION**—crimson ball. Pkt., 40 seeds, 7 cts.

**PERFECTION**—purple. Pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cts.

**ASTER**.—Good mixed, many bright colors. Pkt., 30 seeds, 3 cts.

Mrs. H. D. Blanchard, Portlandville, N. Y., Mch. 1, '95, writes:—The seeds I had of you last year were very satisfactory indeed. I have taken more pleasure in growing the Chinese Primrose (from seed) than any plant I ever grew—they are very free bloomers.



### ASTER—FIRE KING.

The most brilliant Aster ever introduced, and the nearest approach to scarlet yet obtained, a color previously unknown in this popular flower, which for an Autumn show of flowers few others equal. Habit very compact, not more than twelve inches in height, with large, beautifully incurved flowers, and makes a charming companion to "Snowball." See illustration on front cover. Pkt., 40 seeds, 12 cts.



Harlequin Aster.

### SNOWBALL ASTER.

A most distinct and handsome variety equally valuable for pot culture and cut flowers. It is a most profuse bloomer, a single plant often producing as many as 25 to 30 pure snow white flowers, globular in form and of extraordinary size. Pkt., 40 seeds, 12 cents.

Vio Benson, Bondville, Vt., Feb. 4, 1895, writes: My Primroses, from seed bought of you last spring, have been full of blossoms for the last four months.



New Comet Aster.

### HARLEQUIN ASTER.

A striking Aster of great beauty, upright habits and profuse bloomer. This new race produces odd flowers of the most handsome and attractive appearance, and continues in bloom a long time. In the gardens of Paris they are considered the most valuable of all varieties on account of their long duration in bloom and remarkable bright and conspicuous colors. Composed of pure white petals quaintly interspersed, in irregular manner, with deep blue and bright red petals. Pkt., 40 seeds, 8 cts.

### NEW WHITE BRANCHING ASTER.

The magnificent, large, double white flowers, quite four inches in diameter are borne upon long stems, making them excellent for cutting. It is quite different in several respects from any Aster known, and it is only necessary that the character of the plant should be known to make it a favorite with amateurs and florists. Pkt., 40 seeds, 8 cts.

### NEW COMET ASTER.

The plants of this new variety are perfectly true in character, growing 12 to 15 inches high, forming fine, regular pyramids and covered with large double flowers, as shown in the illustration. The flowers measure from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, resembling in shape and artistically curved and twisted petals, the finest Chinese Chrysanthemums. Mixed colors. Pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cts.

### NEW QUEEN ASTERS.

Very dwarf, bushy plants, growing from 10 to 12 inches high branching freely, making a dense, compact bush—excellent for pot culture as well as for bedding. The flowers are of extraordinary size, perfectly double and resemble the finest Victoria Asters in form. I cannot say too much in praise of this new strain, as no other variety can surpass it. Finest mixed. Pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cts.





Bachelor's Button.

### BACHELOR'S BUTTON, DOUBLE.

It has been so perfected that fully 80 per cent of the flowers are double and semi-double; they are also increased in size and present many bright colors and distinct markings which have been hitherto unknown in this old-fashioned favorite flower. Pkt., 30 seeds, 4 cents.

### BACHELOR'S BUTTON, SINGLE.

Mixed, including dark and light blue, purple, pink, rose, white, etc.

Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cents.



Defiance Balsam.

### DEFIANCE BALSAM, (LADY SLIPPER.)

The most perfect in form and largest double flowered Balsam yet developed, and by careful growth and selection has attained a standard that will be found hard to improve. The mixture, which I offer is composed in nearly equal proportions of 8 colors: Rose, Rose White Spotted, Pink, Scarlet, White Tinted Violet, White Spotted, Scarlet White Spotted and Purple; each having been grown separately. Pkt., 25 seeds, 6 cents.

**BALSAM**—Good mixed. A splendid strain, good colors and large double flowers; not equal to "Defiance," but gives good satisfaction. Pkt., 20 seeds, 3 cents.



**BRYONIA,  
LACINIOSA.**

A beautiful climbing annual of rapid growth and easy culture, with handsome cut-leaved foliage bearing attractive green fruits, which change in color as the season advances, to bright scarlet striped with white. Pkt., 10 seeds, 4 cents.

### BALSAM APPLE.

A beautiful climbing plant with apple-shaped fruits, which, if preserved in alcohol, make a most useful liniment. Pkt., 10 seeds, 3 cts



Begonia Vernon.

### BEGONIA VERNON.

One of the most satisfactory pot plants for the house; and a popular bedding plant for the garden or lawn. It blooms with the greatest profusion throughout the summer. Flowers a brilliant orange carmine with bright yellow centers, and the foliage waxy and glossy. It is easily raised from seed, and comes absolutely true. Valuable for bedding and general culture. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cents.

**BEGONIA.**—Tuberous rooted, single mixed. Seed saved from finest colors. Pkt., 50 seeds, 12 cents.

**BEGONIA.**—Tuberous rooted, double mixed, from the finest and best colors. Pkt., 40 seeds, 18 cents.



### CALENDULA, DOUBLE YELLOW.

Flowers extra large and very double, and they are slightly imbricated, while those of the center are incurved like the petals of a Paeony. Color, bright golden yellow or orange. From seed sown in the open ground it comes into flower early, and blooms profusely all summer until late in October, and are of the easiest possible culture. Pkt., 75 seeds, 4 cents.

### CALENDULA, DOUBLE WHITE.

Similar to the yellow except in color, which is pure white, and flowers smaller. It is equally as free blooming, and the fine double flowers are very showy. Pkt., 50 seeds, 4 cents.

Edith E. Wiggins, Exeter, N. H., March 7, '95, writes: I had some of your seeds last year which gave excellent satisfaction.





### CALLIOPSIS, OR COREOPSIS.

Very handsome and showy plants of the easiest culture; require no care and thrive in any garden. Produce flowers in nearly every shade of yellow, orange, crimson, red and brown. It is one of those flowers which will grow in any situation and always be greatly admired. Mixed colors. Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cents.

### CALCEOLARIA, HYBRIDA.

A favorite and universally admired plant, remarkable for their large beautifully spotted blossoms, which are very showy, and from which an almost countless number of hybrids have been raised. They are perennial, are grown in pots in the conservatory, green houses and gardens. Mixed colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 12 cents.

Mabel L. Morrison, Lafayette, Ind., March 7, 1895, writes: The Cinerarias grown from your seed of last fall, are the admiration of our neighborhood.



### CAMPANULA, CANTERBURY BELLS.

Well known popular perennials, producing bell-shaped flowers of many different colors very freely throughout the summer. Single Mixed, 100 seeds, pkt., 3 cents.

### CAMPANULA, DOUBLE MIXED.

Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cents.

NOTE.—The seed saved from double flowers will always produce some single flowers, no matter how careful the selection.

Mrs. Francis Curtis, Orange, Vt., Feb. 11, '95, writes: The seeds I had of you did finely—the "Primroses" perfectly lovely and worth more than I paid for the whole. Pansies the handsomest I ever saw—all did well.





Crozy's New Dwarf Cannas

### CROZY'S NEW DWARF CANNAS.

One of the most popular of bedding plants, while even single specimens are most attractive in the garden. They will bloom the first year from seed, if you soak them in boiling water over night; sow singly in small pots as soon as convenient and grow as rapidly as possible. The roots can be kept in the cellar over Winter and each clump will give six to eight good roots for planting out the following spring. Pkt., 8 seeds, 4 cts.

CANNA—Old type, good mixed, Pkt., 10 seeds, 3 cents.

Mrs. John A. Greene, Helena, Ark., March 12, 1895, writes: I have planted your seeds the past FOUR years and am well pleased with them—all being fresh and good.



Candytuft.

### CANDYTUFT—SNOW QUEEN.

A valuable and distinct species of great beauty. It is an annual variety and grows very rapidly, quickly coming into bloom, remaining in full flower for about three months. It bears but little foliage, and the mass of white produced makes it useful for borders. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.

CANDYTUFT—Mixed, all colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.

Mrs. Newman Jones, Huntsville, Ala., March 9, 1895, writes: This is the THIRD YEAR, I have ordered your seeds and I find them all good.

### AN OPEN LETTER.

I regret that the limited space in this Catalogue will not admit publishing all the kind words said about the success with my seeds. I have hundreds of commending letters from every section of the United States and Canada that alone would make a book twice the size of this. I can only thank my friends for their good words and financial assistance by trying my best to supply them with as good seeds in the future as in the past.

C. H. L.



Marguerite Carnation.

### MARGUERITE CARNATIONS.

This new class of fragrant Marguerite Carnations will bloom in about four months after sowing the seed. The flowers are of brilliant colors, ranging through many beautiful shades of reds, pinks, white, variegated, etc., exquisitely sweet and fully 80 per cent. perfectly double. The plants succeed alike in the open garden or in pots. Seeds sown early in the year will give an abundance of flowers in July. Sown in May and kept pinched back, you will have fine flowers late in the fall until checked by hard frosts. Sown in the autumn, the flowers will be in full bloom early in the spring. Thus, by planting at different seasons flowers can be had all the year around. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cents.

Mrs. D. G. Edwards, 206 Point St., Providence, R. I., March, 1895, writes:—I have used your seeds ever since you began to sell them, and they are always good.

## CARNATIONS.

Indispensable plants for both pot culture in the greenhouse, window garden and open ground culture in summer; of innumerable colors and delicious perfume. The plants may be set in the open ground during the summer, where they will flower as profusely as when grown in pots in the house. Half hardy perennials.

**Double Mixed**, producing many double flowers of all shades and colors. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cents.

**Extra Fine Double Mixed**, Seeds saved from the finest and choicest German, French, Italian and English stocks. Pkt., 50 seeds, 12 cents.

**Grenadin Scarlet**, very early, habit dwarf and compact, brilliant double scarlet flowers. Pkt., 40 seeds, 8 cents.

**Grenadin White**, Double Early flowering white. Pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cents.

Mrs. Ellen Zimmerman, 391 Fairview St., Pottsville, Pa., Mch. 23, 1895, writes: Your seeds of last year turned out to be a great success, both in germination and flowering. The Carnations flowered all winter, and at present has 16 buds, 9 of which are open.

Mrs. H. P. Degler, South Superior, Wis., writes: I have used your seeds for two years and had splendid success. My Primroses are in blossom from seeds sown this spring, and my Cineraria will blossom soon.



Centaurea Marguerite.

### NEW CENTAUREA MARGUERITE.

One of the most valuable introductions of late years. The flowers are the size of a medium Carnation, freely produced on long stems, which renders them valuable for cutting; color pure white, pale sulphur yellow and lavender. The flowers are sweet scented, and their lasting quality after being cut is remarkable. The plants grow about 18 inches high and are of the easiest culture; from spring sown seed they commence to flower in July and continue until late in the autumn. This novelty is entirely distinct from all other Centaureas and undoubtedly the most beautiful variety known. Pkt., 30 seeds, 6 cents.

Mrs. G. H. Norris, Woodcock, Pa., March 28, '95, writes: I have been very much pleased with the flower seeds received from you. My Cinerarias are in full bloom now and very beautiful.





*Centrosema grandiflora.*

### CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

A hardy perennial vine which will bloom in June or July from seed sown in April, and bears in the greatest profusion inverted pea-shaped flowers, from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, ranging in color from a rosy violet to a reddish purple, with a broad feathered white marking through the center, while the large buds and back of the flowers are pure white, making it appear as if one plant bore many different colored flowers at one time. Pkt., 15 seeds, 6 cents.

Mrs. J. E. Saunders, West Peterboro, N. H., March 9, 1895, writes:—I had the finest Pansies and Verbenas from your seed last year that I ever saw.



*Cineraria, Hybrida.*

### CINERARIA, HYBRIDA.

One of the most popular of all green-house plants, and what a splendid display they make when well grown. I know of no plant so easily grown as the Cineraria. The secret of growing well is to grow fast; never allowing them to receive a check, either from being pot bound, dryness of root, or attack of insects; the cooler they are kept the better. In colors they range from crimson, magenta, violet, purple and variegated. Large flowering mixed. Pkt., 50 seeds, 12 cents.

### CLIANTHUS DAMPIERI, GLORY PEA OF AUSTRALIA.

One of the most gorgeous plants in cultivation, with clusters of pea-shaped bright scarlet flowers, each flower marked with intense black spots in the center. Plant grows about three feet high. Pkt., 12 seeds, 8 cents.





## THE GIANT SPIDER PLANT

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PUNGENS

### CLEOME PUNGENS. THE GIANT SPIDER PLANT.

A robust plant, growing vigorously four to five feet high, unaffected by wind or weather, and flowering profusely and continuously for months. In fact, it is a perpetual bloomer, the spikes continuing to increase in size as the plant grows, until they reach upward of two feet in length. The flowers are very showy, bright rose color; grows freely from seed sown in the open ground, thrives luxuriantly, and blooms all summer, no matter how unfavorable the season may be. It is also one of the very best honey producing plants, and should be planted liberally by all bee-keepers. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.



### CHRYSANthemUM, (OR FRENCH MARGUERITES.)

Annual varieties much grown for cut flowers. The plants grow 12 to 18 inches high and produce on long stems beautiful large flowers of many bright colors. They flower all summer in the garden, and make elegant pot plants for winter flowering. Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.

### CHRYSANthemUM, (INODORUM PLENISSIMUM.)

Although a perennial, it flowers abundantly the first year from seed, each plant producing hundreds of beautiful, perfectly double, snow-white flowers; unsurpassed for bouquets. It remains in bloom all summer, and is in all respects one of the handsomest and most valuable of flowers. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.

### CHRYSANthemUM, FANCY PERENNIAL.

From the best Incurved, Pompon, Japanese, Chinese and Anemone-flowered varieties. Seeds sown in the hot-bed in February or March, or even April, will give plants that will bloom in August or September, and cannot fail, with proper care, to give magnificent flowers in a wonderful variety of colors and forms. Pkt., 50 seeds 12 cts.



### DIANTHUS, OR CHINESE PINKS—BEST MIXED.

One of the most useful and desirable plants, and for beauty and variety of colors and markings cannot be surpassed, ranging from pure white to the most delicate pink and glowing deep crimson. A bed of these in the flower garden will make a grand display at small cost. The mixture I offer this season is much superior to any previously offered and includes, besides the standard sorts, all the new and brightest colors in spotted, striped and handsomely fringed varieties of late introduction. I guarantee it will give satisfaction with any other strain offered. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.

### DIANTHUS, OR CHINESE PINKS—Good MIXED.

Many distinct and beautiful marked varieties. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

### DIANTHUS, DWARF FIREBALL.

The most brilliant annual pink in cultivation; the plants are constantly covered with blood-red, perfectly double laciniated flowers until checked by severe frost. Pkt., 75 seeds, 6 cents.

## DIANTHUS OR CHINESE PINKS

### DIANTHUS, DWARF SNOWBALL.

This beautiful dwarf variety belongs to the Heddewig class of Dianthus. The plants are very compact dwarf growth and are covered with lovely, spotless, snow-white flowers, very full and double. From its dwarf growth it is very attractive for edgings, while the flowers are also very useful for cutting for bouquets. Pkt., 75 seeds, 6 cents.

### DIANTHUS, PLUMARIUS. (Pheasant's-Eye Pink.)

Dianthus, Plumarius, is the old-fashioned Grass Pink. It is perfectly hardy, blooms very profusely in early summer, and is admirable on account of its delicacy, showiness and fragrance. Its use either as a cemetery or garden flower is always satisfactory, and those who include it in their seed-order this spring will never have cause for regret. It should be one of the indispensables. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

Mrs. Frank A. Fox, Massabesic, N. H., March 11, 1895, writes: "I was greatly pleased with your seeds last year—especially the *Asters*—they were lovely; had one plant from the 'New Comet' that some blossoms measured over five inches in diameter. I sold \$10.00 worth of flowers from my garden this spring."





**ESCHSCHOLTZIA-CALIFORNIA POPPY**

Hardy annual, growing about one foot high, bearing a profusion of rich yellow flowers about two inches in diameter, making a blaze of color in the sunshine and fully as valuable as the common poppy for garden ornamentation, and as easily grown. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

**EUPHORBIA HETEROPHYLLA. (MEXICAN FIRE PLANT.)**

The plants grow two or three feet high, with a branching, bush-like form, with smooth, glossy, fiddle-shaped leaves, which are at first entirely green, but about midsummer, at the end of each branch appear greenish-white flowers, enveloped in beautiful orange-scarlet bracts, and the surrounding leaves are either blotched with vivid carmine or are carmine with green tips. It is an annual plant, but should be started early so it will have sufficient time to develop its brilliant colors. Pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cents.

**EUCHARIDIUM. (BREWERI.)**

A pretty and showy dwarf summer flowering annual; flowers of a purplish rose shading to white in the center. Flowers very profusely and is of easy culture. A distinct and truly elegant plant. Pkt., 50 seeds, 8c.



**Fuchsia.**

**FUCHSIA. DOUBLE AND SINGLE MIXED.**

Fuchsias are as easily grown from seed as cuttings, and from seed many new varieties are obtained. They will flower freely the first year in the open ground, while the plants can be taken in the house in the winter, where they will flower still more freely. The seed I offer has been saved from the very finest double and single varieties. Pkt. 14 seeds, 12c.

Millie B. Winship, Tunnel City, Wis., Apr. 17, '95, writes: We have tried your seeds for two years and found them very good.





*Fragaria Indica.*

**FRAGRARIA INDICA.  
CHINESE STRAWBERRY.**

Hardy perennial, herbaceous creeper, from India, with yellow blossoms, and bright red fruit, like small strawberries. Elegant for rock work or hanging baskets. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cents.

Miss Clara M. Seyley, Prospect, Pa., Feb 15, 1895, writes: We were very much pleased with your seeds last year. The Pansies and Sweet Peas were beautiful and the Cobie Scandens was just magnificent. It excited the admiration of all who saw it.

Mrs. M. L. Hoyt, 425 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J., Feb. 18, 1895: The seeds received from you last year were most satisfactory, germinating quickly and producing beautiful and healthy plants.

Mrs. A. C. Graham, Burlington, Conn., April 18, 1895, writes: Have used your seeds for several years and like the SEEDS and PRICES much better than those of other seed houses.

Mrs. R. B. George, Cockrell, Mo., Feb. 26, 1895, writes: I received flower seeds from you last year and wish to say, they proved to be entirely satisfactory.



*Cape Fuchsia.*

**CAPE FUCHSIA—PHYGELIUS CAPENSIS.**

Plants barely a few inches high bear from 10 to 20 bold, long spikes, completely crowded with showy scarlet, drooping flowers, persistently produced from May until late Autumn, when they can be brought in for Winter blooming. It is also a good bedding plant, grown singly or in masses. The seed should be sown in a slight hotbed early in Spring, and the seedlings afterwards transplanted to a warm, sunny position. Pkt., 14 seeds, 12 cents.

Mrs. L. B. Chappell, Emlenton, Pa., Jan. 21, 1895, writes: Your Sweet Peas last year were ahead of them all.



*Feverfew.*

**FEVERFEW DOUBLE.  
(MATICARIA EXIMIA.)**

Handsome large double white flowers; a fine bedding plant or for pot culture; as desirable as a good Aster; very free flowering; blooms until frost; height 18 inches. Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cents.

Mrs. C. Matthews, Sheldon, Ill., Jan. 21, 1895, writes: I have used your seeds for two years and find them to be excellent growers and fine bloomers. My flower-beds are a mass of beauty each summer.

Mrs. S. C. Stevens, Fairfield, Ill., March 29, 1895, writes: The seeds I ordered from you last year gave excellent satisfaction, germinating very remarkably and giving a wealth of blossoms.





Forget-Me-Not, "Victoria."

### FORGET-ME-NOT, "VICTORIA."

Of stout and bushy habit of growth, bearing umbels of large, bright, azure-blue flowers, with central double blooms. The plant attains a height of 5 to 7 inches, with a diameter of 8 to 10 inches, and when fully grown is quite globular in shape and perfectly covered with flowers. This beautiful Forget-me-not is the best for carpet hedding, edgings and masses, and for growing in pots. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.

Mrs. May Wetmore, Ogden, Tenn., April 19, 1895, writes: I cannot refrain from telling you how fine my Marguerite Carnations were this winter and spring from seed I obtained from you last year. They are as fine, large and fragrant as any I have seen in green houses. I grew them in the open ground all summer and lifted them into pots of rich soil when frost came—cutting back to form large heads—and my sitting room window has been the admiration of my friends since Xmas.

Miss Clara Adams, Coldbrook Springs, Mass., May 4, 1895, writes: The seed I had of you last year far surpassed any I ever purchased.

### GOMPHRENA.

(Globe Amaranth.)

A desirable everlasting, valued for its handsome globular flower heads, which, if cut when well matured, will retain their beauty for years. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

Mrs. J. F. Meade, Prospect College, High Rock, Lynn, Mass., March 25, 1895, writes: This is the third year I have ordered seeds from you. I find them unusually good for such cheap prices—have paid much more for seeds that would not produce near as many plants.

Mrs. L. M. Davis, Brownsville, Tenn., Jan. 5, 1895, writes: We had splendid success with your seeds last year.



Gomphrena.



New Double Gaillardia.

### NEW DOUBLE GAILLARDIA.

Its large, gay-colored double flowers are produced most abundantly, without intermission, from July until frost, and are valuable for cutting. The colors embrace sulphur, golden-yellow, orange, amaranth and claret. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cents.

### GAILLARDIA, SINGLE.

Valuable annuals greatly admired for their fine forms and rich blending of colors, the gay colored flowers being abundantly produced from July until frost, while they thrive anywhere; single mixed. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

Mrs. W. T. Magnusen, 52 Forest Ave., Fond du Lac, Wis., Feb. 17, 1895, writes: The seeds received last season from you produced beautiful flowers of which we were very proud; had the loveliest sweet peas I ever saw.





Gloxinia.

### GLOXINIA.

The Gloxinia is a grand flower and makes a lovely pet plant as easily grown and cared for as many of the common flowers. The handsome bell-shaped flowers embrace a great variety of the richest and most beautiful colors, ranging from pure white to dark, blood-red, pink, bluish, lavender, indigo-blue, marbled and spotted. They will bloom in four to five months from time seed is sown. Pkt., 50 seeds, 12 cents.

### GILIA.

A hardy annual, very delicate in leaf and flower, grows in almost any situation in beds or in rockery, mixed. Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cents.

Mrs. E. W. Gibbs, Mundale, Mass., Oct. 11th, 1895, writes: My Asters were very beautiful, especially the Snowball and Fire King.



Godetia.

### GODETIA.

Beautiful, hardy annuals, remarkable for the delicacy of their very fine large blossoms; flowers deep rose, pink, rosy carmine, snow-white, with bright carmine rose spots, carmine crimson, lilac with purple and white.

Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cents.

### GOURDS.

#### ORNAMENTAL.

Tender, annual climbers, with curiously shaped fruit in various colors, many of which are peculiarly marked. The foliage is quite ornamental, and many of the fruits being hard-shelled, can be kept for years. Seed should be started in pots in the house and planted out as seen as danger from frost is past.

Pkt., 20 seeds, 6 cents.



The most popular plant grown, either for pot culture in winter, or for bedding out in summer. No flowering plants are more grown, and certainly none are more suitable for large beds, where a mass of bloom is desired, or for single specimens in pots for the house. But few are aware that they can be grown easily from seed and flower the first season. If sown early, and will frequently reward the cultivator with charming new varieties; in fact, propagation by seed is the only sure way to obtain new varieties. The seed I offer has been saved from 25 of the finest varieties grown. Including Mad. Thebault, Mad. Garfield, Gen. Grant, Capt. Ainsworth, Little Gem, Cloth of Gold, Happy Thought, Snow on Mountain, Adonis, and Beaconsfield; also included in this mixture are 7 varieties of Pelargoniums, or Lady Washington; and two Ivy-leaved varieties. There can be no finer mixed Geranium, and it cannot fail to bring forth some splendid new varieties.

Pkt., 40 seeds, 16 cents.

Geranium — Good mixed.

Pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cents.





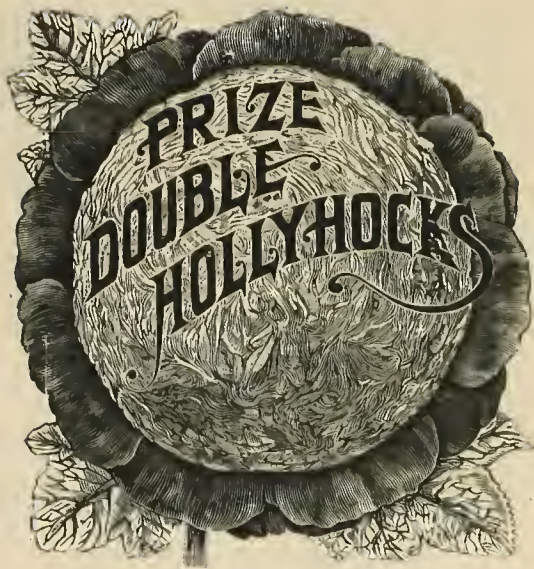


### HELIOTROPE

#### Heliotrope.

Heliotrope is a universal favorite on account of its delightful fragrance and duration of bloom, flowering equally well as bedding plants in summer, or as pot plants in the house during winter. Seed sown in the spring makes fine plants for bedding out and are as easily grown as Verbenas.

Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cents.



### HOLLYHOCK, PRIZE DOUBLE.

The perfect doubleness of the magnificent, large flower will please the most critical. All the best colors, from deep yellow, red rose, light buff, carmine scarlet, flesh color, creamy white tinted with rose, purple, yellow on dark ground, crimson flaked with salmon, cherry red, cream on violet ground, lilac on brown ground, dark crimson to pure white, also black. If sown early in March or April the plants will bloom the first year. All colors mixed. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cents.

Miss Nellie Gerber, Ada, Minn., October 9th, 1895, writes: I received first premium on your Royal Show Pansies at the Norman County Fair. They were the handsomest cut flowers on exhibition.

Alice V. Randell, Gunn City, Mo., March 25, 1895, writes: The Seeds I bought of you last year were very fine. My Petunias and Balsams magnificent



*Heuchera Sanguinea.*

### HEUCHERA SANGUINEA.

Truly a floral gem and one of the most valuable additions to the list of hardy flowering plants that has appeared in a long time. The foliage, which is evergreen, is beautifully cut and marbled and is very abundant. The flowers are borne in large, open, clean-stemmed panicles, and are of the most clear, bright, cheerful and charming scarlet imaginable. Although the flowers are small, yet they are so numerous in each panicle, and the panicles are thrown up in such profusion as to produce a most brilliant effect. Blooming as it does for a period of several weeks, and as each plant frequently sends up a dozen or more stems of its lovely flowers at a time, some idea of its beauty and value can be formed. Pkt., 40 seeds, 8 cents.



*Humulus Japonicus.*

### HUMULUS JAPONICUS.

(Japanese Hop.)

One of the most rapid climbers grown, seed can be sown in the open ground in spring and it will attain enormous dimensions very quickly. The foliage is luxuriant and it is one of the best plants for covering verandas and trellises. Heat, drought and insects do not trouble it. Pkt., 12 seeds, 6c.

### HELIANTHUS, SUNFLOW'ER

*Globosus Fistulosus.*

The best and most effective of all annual sunflowers, flowers immense, from 12 to 15 inches in diameter, globular and extremely double. For a background to a lawn or a screen to hide unsightly places it is especially adapted. Of easy culture as well as showy. Pkt., 30 seeds, 3 cents.



*Helichrysum.*

### HELICHRYSUM.

A very popular everlasting, large full double flowers of various colors, from bright yellow to scarlet, shaded and tipped. Handsome bouquets may be formed of them for winter, if blossoms are gathered when on the point of expanding. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

### ICE PLANT, MESEMBRYANTHEMUM.

A handsome and curious plant, for hanging baskets, rock work and vases. The leaves and stems appear as though covered with icy crystals and look like rock candy. The whole plant is peculiarly brilliant in the sun. Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cents.

### IMPATIENS SULTANI.

This most distinct and beautiful plant is almost a perpetual bloomer. The flowers are of a brilliant rosy scarlet color, and are produced so freely that a full grown specimen appears to be a ball of flowers, and continues in full beauty several successive months. Pkt., 20 seeds, 8c.







Lobelia.  
**LOBELIA.**

A very valuable and beautiful class of mostly dwarf growing plants; their delicate drooping habit, and the profusion of their charming little blue and white flowers, render them exceedingly ornamental for vases or hanging baskets and rockeries, blooming from June to November, while for border cultivation they are equally effective. Mixed colors. Pkt., 300 seeds, 3 cents.

**LYCHNIS.**

A first-class border plant growing from two to three feet in height, bearing close, symmetrical heads of brilliant scarlet flowers of good size and substance. If sown early in open ground will bloom first season. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cents.



Linaria.  
**LINARIA. (KENILWORTH IVY.)**

A very pretty and well-known hardy perennial trailing plant, for covering rock work, and very useful for hanging baskets. The flowers are small, but pretty, and for a drooping plant nothing can be better, as it is easily grown from seed. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.

**LINUM. (CRIMSON FLAX.)**

Excellent for clumps or edgings and one of the best and most showy hardy annuals for bedding. May be raised in any quantity from seeds sown in March or April, where the plants are intended to flower. They are not at all fastidious regarding soil, doing well in any ordinary garden. Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cents.

Belle Brownelle, Shushan, N. Y., Oct. 7th, 1895, writes: I find your seeds most excellent. My Verbena and Petunia beds have elicited much admiration.



Lantana.  
**LANTANA.**

Well known shrubby plants, with clusters of verberna-like flowers, and producing their pink, yellow, orange and white heads in great abundance. They have an agreeable aromatic perfume. Mixed. Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.

**LATHYRUS. (PERENNIAL PEAS.)**

They do not have the delicious fragrance of the Sweet Peas, but they are equally as beautiful. They are perfectly hardy and live year after year, bearing magnificent clusters of flowers and bloom early in the Spring. Pkt., 25 seeds, 3 cents.





*Nicotiana Affinis.*

### NICOTIANA AFFINIS.

When its large, pure white flowers are fully expanded in the evening and early morning, it has a most striking effect, and so fragrant that a small bed will perfume the whole surrounding atmosphere. If the plants are taken up in the fall, cut back, and potted, they will bloom freely all winter in the house. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4c.**

### NOLANA.

Beautiful trailing plants, almost equal to the Portulaca for growing in masses, and unsurpassed for baskets, pots, vases or rock work. The flower is similar in shape to a Morning Glory. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 3 cts.**

### ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

All the annual varieties mixed, many of them being really handsome in growth, and all of them desirable for winter bouquets, if cut while green and dried in the shade. **Large pkt., 6 cents.**

## When . . .

A business has been before the public for a number of years, and every year increased in popularity with the people, it is safe to assume that the business must possess merit of the highest order, or it would not be held in such high esteem. Now or was a seed business in such universal favor with the flower lover as mine is now, and has been for the past six years of its existence, and this popularity is due to the satisfaction my seeds have given—low prices—and prompt service.

Mrs. O. A. Ball, Vernon Center, N.Y., March 5, 1895, writes: The seeds purchased from you last season did finely. I raised 18 Primulas (Primo-roses) from one packet of seed and sold several of them for 20 cents each at our church floral festival.

Lily McDanel, 709 N. 36th St., W. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 18, 1895, writes: This will be the third year I have used your flower seeds and I cordially recommend them to others.



*Nigella.*

### NIGELLA, LOVE-IN-A-MIST.

Hardy annual, known as "Devil-In-Bush," and "Lady-in-Green," because the blossoms are partially concealed by the abundance of finely cut foliage. The plant and flower are both handsome, and require but little care. **Pkt, 50 seeds, 3 cents.**

### GENOTHERA, (EVENING PRIMROSE.)

Saucer-shaped flowers of various colors and enormous size, often as large as a Moonflower; very striking and fragrant. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3c.**

### OXALIS.

Exceedingly free flowering little plants, entirely covered with bright flowers from June until September. It is not generally known that these annual varieties of Oxalis are fully equal for edgings to the variety grown from bulbs. **Mixed colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cents.**





Specimen  
Royal Show  
Pansy. Actual size,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

### ROYAL SHOW PANSIES

Is a mixture especially prepared by myself from separate strains and colors of all the largest flowering and finest varieties that can be secured in Europe and is unsurpassed in beauty, colorings and markings. Price, Pkt. 50 seeds, 8c.; Pkt., 100 seeds, 12c.

Miss M. L. Brewster, Stottsville, Quebec, Canada, April, 20, 1895, writes: I think your idea of giving the number of seeds in a packet a splendid one, and your seeds are satisfactory in every way. My Shirley Poppies last year were the admiration of every one who saw them, and it was hard to believe that beautiful bed of flowers only cost four cents.

## Award of Prizes on Royal Show Pansy,

As offered in my Catalogue for 1895.

For the Largest and Finest Flowers Raised from my Seed.

\$25.00,	1st prize to	Mrs. D. M. Andrews, Boulder, Boulder Co., Col.
20.00,	2d	Mrs. Jno. Tomlinson, Wells Station, Benton Co., Ore.
15.00,	3d	Frank E. Day, Webster, Worcester Co., Mass.
10.00,	4th	Neillie S. Ramsey, E. Helena, Lewis-Clark Co., Mont.
5.00,	5th	Mrs. H. Blackman, Snohomish Snohomish Co., Wash.
5.00,	6th	Jennie Foster, Oxford, Worcester Co., Mass.
5.00,	7th	Mrs. G. S. Miller, Deer Lodge, Deer Lodge Co., Mont.
5.00,	8th	W. J. Gurney, Gravel River, Ontario, Canada.
5.00,	9th	Mrs. Elmira Jenkins, Temple, Franklin Co., Maine.
5.00,	10th	Mrs. J. E. Timmerman, South Bay, Madison Co., N. Y.

The first prize pansy blossom grown by Mrs. D. M. Andrews, Boulder, Col., measured fully  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across and was the handsomest shaped and marked pansy in the entire collection of 303 competitors.

For 1896, I offer \$200.00 in Cash Prizes, for the largest blossoms raised from the seed of my ROYAL SHOW PANSIES. 1st Prize, \$50.00; 2d Prize, \$25.00; 3d Prize, \$15.00; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Prizes, \$10.00 each; 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Prizes, \$5.00 each, in all, 20 Prizes—Total, \$200.00.

This is the largest sum of money ever offered for specimen Pansy blossoms and is something worth trying to secure.

Competition open to all my customers who purchase either an 8 cent or 12 cent packet of the "Royal Show." The contest closes Oct. 15th, 1896, at 6 p. m., when the prizes will be immediately awarded the successful competitors. All blossoms must be carefully pressed and mailed to me before this date, with the name and full address of the sender on back of "Competition Envelope," which accompanies each order. In case there are several flowers received of exactly the same size, **Beauty and Markings** of the flowers will take first place. Heretofore, I have limited the number of prizes to ten. This season I double the number, which gives ten more chances to premium winners and I trust that every one of my pansy lovers will enter the contest this season and break the record of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches by a blossom measuring at least  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches across, which I am satisfied can be accomplished with a favorable season.





Poppy, The Shirley.

### POPPY, THE SHIRLEY.

It is perfectly hardy and flowers the first season from seed. The flowers are large, exceedingly graceful and elegant; the colors are pure, soft and varied, and range from bluish-white rose, delicate pink and carmine, through innumerable tints to bright, sparkling crimson. Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.

### NEW CARDINAL POPPY.

The dwarf, very robust, and compact habit of growth of this new Poppy makes it entirely distinct from most other double Poppies. The plants grow about sixteen inches high, and are well furnished with deeply-cut dark green foliage, which shows off the enormous, double, glowing, cardinal-scarlet flowers. On close inspection, each of the perfectly fringed petals will be found lined with white, while on the back of the flower a white Maltese cross stands out in sharp relief. Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.

Miss Mabel Gage, Fitch Bay, Canada, April 3, 1895, writes: We have had splendid success with your seeds for the past two years.

### NEW POPPY, WHITE SWAN.

One of the most effective and valuable Poppies introduced for years. The plants are about 18 inches high, grow in very pretty bush form, crowned with flowers of enormous size, perfect form, very double and of the purest snow-white. Its flowering period is considerably longer than that of other Poppies. Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.

Miss Nettie Clark, Hamlet, Ohio, March 1, 1895, writes: I purchased seeds from you last year and never had them to germinate and grow better. As honesty is admirable and deserves reward, I send my order again, and though small, carries best wishes to an energetic woman for success.

Lillian Glover, Stella, Wash., Jan. 18, 1895, writes: The flower seeds that I received from you last season were satisfactory, especially the Sweet Peas and Asters.

### LAWN GRASS.

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FINEST  
QUALITY.

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Price per qt., 23c.;  
2 qts. for 40c.



Double Poppies—Mixed.

### DOUBLE POPPIES MIXED.

For dazzling richness and variety of colors, the flowers are unequalled. Simply scatter the seed in the open ground and a mass of beauty will result which will be a constant source of pleasure. Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.

### ICELAND POPPIES.

These fine perennial Poppies produce flowers in great abundance the first year from seed. The colors range from the purest white and yellow to the deepest glowing orange scarlet and have a delicious fragrance. For vase or house decorations they rank among the loveliest. Mixed colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.







**PRIMULA  
CHINESE**

**SINENSIS,  
PRIMROSE.**

(See Illustration in Colors on Back Cover.)

Many persons seem to think Primulas are successfully propagated only in a green-house, hence we find amateurs often reluctant to attempt their culture. They are unequalled as winter bloomers, easily grown, if the right conditions are observed; and give a succession of flowers throughout the season, and are prized for both their beauty and their delicate fragrance. Single fringed mixed, pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cents.

**PRIMULA, DOUBLE.**

Best mixed of all colors. Pkt., 20 seeds, 16 cents.



**Double Portulaca.**

**PORTULACA, DOUBLE FLOWERED.**

One of the most showy and beautiful annuals, with abundant, highly colored flowers. For baskets, beds, masses or edging it is invaluable. The plant is dwarf and trailing; about six inches high. It requires scarcely any water and succeeds best in warm, sandy soil.

NOTE—Portulaca cannot always be depended upon to come DOUBLE, about 60 to 70 per cent. being a fair average of double flowers. The seed I offer has been saved with extra care from the finest colors and will give a good proportion of double flowers. Pkt., 300 seeds, 4 cents.

**PORTULACA, SINGLE.**

A great variety of colors mixed. Pkt., 300 seeds, 3 cents.

**PRIMULA OBCONICA.**

Primula Obconica is a profuse flowering Primrose, and is as near an ever-blooming plant as it is possible to obtain. It is beyond doubt one of the finest plants for pot culture ever introduced, and cannot fail to become a favorite with those desiring plants that will grow easily. The flowers are PURE WHITE, SHADING TO LILAC, and have the true PRIMROSE FRAGRANCE. The plants produce, on long stems, spikes with from 10 to 15 flowers each. It has been known to flower for over twelve months without a break. Pkt., 30 seeds, 4 cents.

## RICINUS ZANZIBARIENSIS.

An entirely new class from Africa, with leaves often measuring 2 feet across; the seeds are marbled, speckled and spotted; the illustration shows natural size. Pkt., 6 seeds, 6 cents.

## RICINUS, CAMBOGIENSIS.

(Castor-Oil-Bean)

Growing from 6 to 8 feet high in a few weeks from time of planting, with large palm-like leaves of a brilliant, bronzy-red maroon color, with large red veins. The leaf, stems and younger growth are of rich reddish brown, while the main stem, or trunk, is of ebony black. It is one of the finest plants for tropical effects, either in masses or as single specimens, on the lawn or garden. Pkt., 6 seeds, 6 cents.

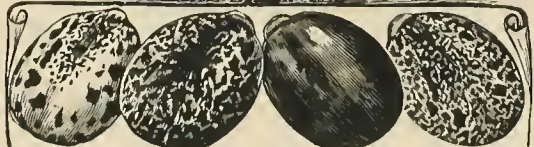
## RICINUS.

(Castor-Oil-Bean.)

Many choice varieties mixed. Pkt., 5 seeds, 3 cents.

## STATICE SUWAROWI.

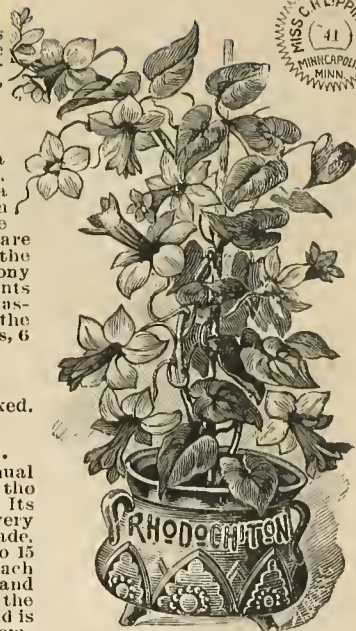
By far the finest of all annual Statice, and indeed one of the showiest annuals we possess. Its branching flower spikes, of a very bright rose with a crimson shade, appear successively from 10 to 15 on each plant, and measure each fully 15 to 18 inches in length, and from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 inch in breadth; the foliage lying flat on the ground is comparatively small and completely hidden by the numerous flower spikes. One plant will last in flower more than two months, and if sown in succession it may be had constantly flowering throughout the summer and autumn. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cents.



**Ricinus Zanzibariensis.**

Mrs. Jas. W. Prichard, Slatersville, R. I., March 26, 1895, writes: I am very much pleased with your flower seeds; from one packet of Gloxinia 137 plants came up and I have lost three out of that number; set out 75 Pansy plants from one packet of seeds; had Sweet Peas until the vines froze in November.

Levi T. Campbell, Kelton, Utah, March 1895, writes: I have tried your seeds and pronounce them as good as any I ever planted, and by far the cheapest.



**RHODOCHITON.**

(Volubile.)

A splendid climber, growing about ten feet high and a pretty subject for trellises. The flowers are about two inches long, curiously formed and of a rich claret red and hang on long graceful stems. It flowers freely from seed the first season. Pkt., 20 seeds, 12 cents.





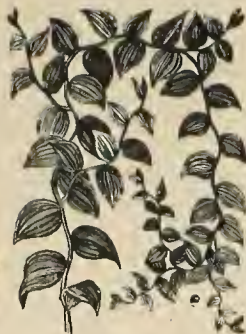


Salpiglossis.

### **SALPIGLOSSIS, GRANDIFLORA.**

The graceful flowers, borne on long stems, range in color from the most delicate shades of light blue and straw color to the deepest purple and richest brown and maroon. The quaint funnel-shaped flowers somewhat resemble those of the petunia, and are borne on long stems in great profusion. The metallic gloss and distinct veining of the petals present almost the appearance of jeweled enamels. Large Flowering Mixed, pkt., 150 seeds, 4 cts.

D. M. O'Driscoll, Manager, West. Union Tel. Co., Charleston, S. C., Jan. 18, '95, writes:—The seeds purchased from you last year gave entire satisfaction, and I am sure you desire no better evidence of the fact than the enclosed order for OVER FORTY different kinds of seeds. Your plan of counting the number of seeds in a packet is very commendable and benefits the purchaser. I wish you great success.



Smilax.

### **SMILAX.**

One of the most desirable window vines on account of its charming, glossy green, elegant and graceful foliage, and will grow several feet high the first season. Started in the spring it affords elegant trellis plants for the house in winter; also fine for hanging baskets. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.

### **LAWN GRASS.**

**FINEST  
QUALITY.**

Price, 23 cts. per Qt.,  
or 2 Qts. for 40 cts.



Schizanthus.

### **SCHIZANTHUS. (BUTTERFLY FLOWER.)**

Elegant and very free blooming annuals; of much interest and beauty, and when well grown rival in singularity of colors and markings of the orchids, large flowers spotted with crimson, lilac, purple and yellow, and the petals are cut in a picturesque manner. In pots in the conservatory or house few plants are more attractive; also elegant in a bouquet or vase, and fine for bedding. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.





Scarlet Sage.

### SCARLET SAGE, (SALVIA SPLENDENS.)

One of the grandest plants in cultivation—a bed of them surpassing the finest scarlet geraniums in brilliancy and continuous bloom, the flower spikes often measure ten to twelve inches in length, and there are as many as two hundred spikes on a well grown plant. From the time they first begin to flower, the plants are never out of bloom until killed by late frosts. It is easily grown from seed and the purchase of plants should be abandoned. Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cents.

### SALVIA FARINACEA.

The plants form dwarf, compact bushes, with long spikes of beautiful blue flowers, which makes a charming contrast when grown with the scarlet described above. Pkt., 35 seeds, 6c.



### SNOWBALL SCABIOSA.

The flowers are very large, measuring fully two inches in diameter, of purest white and very double. It comes quite true from seed. Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cents.

### SCABIOSA, DOUBLE BLACK.

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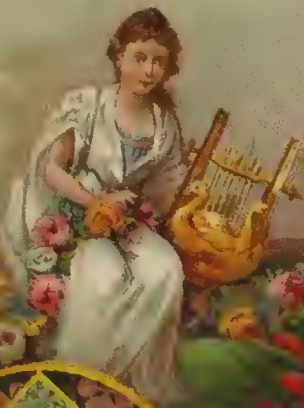
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